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W. CALVIN CHASE, EDITOR.

Never condemn a man until
you have heard both sides.

Men are often charged with a
crime that has been committed
by others.

Watch the man who has al-
ways something to tell which
some one else says.

Drs. J. R. Frances, F. J. Shadd
or J. F. N. Wilkinson would
make good school officers.

Senators Logan, Everetts and
others should not be condemned
for not investigating Senator
Payne of Ohio.

Don't pass judgement on us un-
til you have heard all sides of
the school question. There will be a
time when the wronged will be
righted. Wait a while, the time is
not yet.

The *Chattanooga Tribune*, *Gate
City Press* and *Boston Advocate*
condemned the review on the
Negro press. That is natural
since we did not class them among
the big guns.

The Commissioners will be re-
quested, it is reported, to re-ap-
point ex-trustee J. H. Smith on
the school board. He has been
the most conscientious trustee that
has ever been on the school board.

GONE AT LAST.

Among the many trustees whose
resignations have met with univer-
sal appreciation and applause, is
that of Mr. John H. Brooks, trust-
ee of the 7th school division. We
must admit that he was one of the
smartest trustees that we have had
but his manner towards the teach-
ers and people made him obnoxious.
His resignation and its acceptance
by the Commissioners were no sur-
prise to us. Mr. Brooks while a
member of the District legislature,
was instrumental in defeating the
Normal school bill, which would
have benefited the colored people.
His course towards lady teachers
was tyrannical; he could not see the
wrongs of some and others he
could see. Now that there are
two vacancies in the schools, one
in the county and the other in the
city, we offer this suggestion to the
Commissioners: appoint J. R. Fran-
cis to succeed Mr. Brooks, he is a
man of reputation and character
and will be acceptable to the peo-
ple.

A GOOD BEGINNING FOR THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

Maj. Walker the new Chief of
Police issued his first official gen-
eral order to the department late
Saturday afternoon. The order is
based on the report of the findings
of the police trial board in the case
of Officer Dunnington of the First
precinct, tried June 23rd for acci-
dently shooting a colored man
named John Battle while firing at
an escaping prisoner in South
Washington about one month ago.
The report of the board was some-
what of a surprise to the officer
and at the same time is a severe
warning to the other members of
the force who handle their revolv-
ers and batons in a reckless man-
ner. In addition to informing Of-
ficer Dunnington that he shall reim-
burse the wounded man for the time
lost the report orders that he

shall be reprimanded and reminded
that a reputation will work his dis-
missal from the force.—Exchange.

Major, do simply justice to the
colored people, and they will ever
honor and respect you and the laws
that you are to vindicate.

J. T. MINTON OF S. C.

It seems that there is a bitter
feeling on the part of the people
against Mr. J. T. Minton, of S. C.,
of a rumor that the board of
school trustees intended to appoint
him an associate teacher in the
High school. It will be remem-
bered that Mr. Minton was dis-
charged from the treasury Depart-
ment for causes known to himself
and the senator from South Caro-
lina. We have no doubt of Mr.
Minton's clerical ability but we
do doubt his ability to be a teach-
er in the High school. For the
benefit of our readers, the public
and the many who have called to
this office in regard to the matter,
we desire to state that Mr. Hugh
M. Brown of this city will be nom-
inated for the position and a lady
of the corps of teachers assigned to
duty in that school. It is not
likely that Mr. Minton will be ap-
pointed to any position in the
public schools. The gentleman
who urged the trustees to appoint
Mr. Minton, has made a mistake
and we advise him to, as an ad-
mirer of his, make no further re-
quest. The people do not want
Mr. Minton, and while we have
the utmost respect for him we be-
lieve that our schools should be
clear of politicians. The public
schools must not be made a refuge
for discharged government em-
ployees. Mr. Brown is acceptable
to the trustees and people and no
one appreciates his appointment
more than the people.

OUR WEEKLY REVIEW.

IS THE NEGRO PRESS A FAILURE.
DOUGLASS' NORTH STAR. FRED.
DOUGLASS' PAPER & CO. WHY THE
NATIONAL ERA FAILED. THE BANK
RING AND PROMISARY NOTES.
NEGRO TREACHERY. OTHER NEWS
PAPERS AND EDITORS. THE COMING
PRESS CONVENTION. RISE AND
FALL OF NEGRO JOURNALISM.

Indeed, it has been said that the
Negro press is a failure. The de-
claration is very broad and one that
we don't endorse. It has been but
a few years since the Negro has
been permitted to exercise a por-
tion of that right guaranteed by
the constitution of the United
States, and therefore it is not pre-
sumed that he would be able in
such a short period to equal jour-
nals edited by white men.

DOUGLASS'

North Star was established in 1847,
at a time when it was worth a
man's soul to edit a paper in the
interest of the colored race. Julia
Griffith, a white lady of education,
aided Mr. Douglass some. The
name was subsequently changed to
Fred. Douglass' paper, which con-
tinued till 1866. After its death
Fred. Douglass' monthly was pub-
lished. This paper was managed
by Mr. Lewis H. Douglass, while
Fred. Douglass Jr., and two ap-
prentices did all the type setting.
Frederick Douglass, Jr. is a gen-
ius. He is a man of ability and
true to friends. The race is much
indebted to him for his untiring
efforts to keep his father's papers
alive, in the interest of his race.
Douglass, monthly was a 16 page
paper, which was well made up
and edited with ability. Young
Fred. Douglass did a great deal of
work during the existence of his
father's papers. After the suspen-
sion of Douglass' monthly the new
National Era was established. The

GREAT CONSPIRACY

was inaugurated to destroy the
usefulness of Mr. Douglass and to
kill out his paper. The Era was
originally owned by a white man
and by some means Mr. Douglass
was persuaded to accept of cor-
respondent editorship and by further
persuasion he accepted the editor-
ship of it and remained on the pa-
per one year. Prof. J. P. Sampson
and other gentlemen were editing the

COLORED CITIZEN

a paper that did a great deal to
break down the celebrated Lotus
Club in which Wm. E. Matthews
played a conspicuous part. After
Mr. Douglass retired from the Era,
a proposition came from the bank
ring to consolidate the Era and
Citizens, with the understanding
that the bank ring could control
or would give the Era \$80,000
worth of printing per year. This
proposition was accepted which
consolidated

THE ERA AND CITIZEN

with Lewis H. Douglass as editor.

The bank ring gave certain prom-
issory notes according to the
statement of Observer, in the Era
of March 19th, 1874 who states
that Charles N. Thomas, J. H.
Cook, Wm. E. Augusta, otherwise
"Pete," Geo. D. Johnson all de-
ceased, Thomas S. Boston, R. T. Green-
er, gave their notes for a certain
amount of stock. When the notes
became matured these gentlemen
backed out and refused to honor
their obligation. The writers of
the paper were Green, Barbadoes,
Sella Martin, with Lewis H. Doug-
lass as editor. The last named
gentleman, Mr. Douglass, is a fine
writer. His editorials were copied
by the leading journals in the coun-
try and certain gentlemen who en-
vied the ability of young Douglass,
would often send marked copies,
of Douglass' editorials to Massa-
chusetts, to friends, claiming that
the article written by Douglass,
was his own. The gentleman who
endeavored to steal Douglass' thunder
was a Harvard graduate. These

AMBITIOUS MEN

being jealous of the popularity of
the Douglasses, next schemed
to overthrow the Era and Citizen
which was done. The alleged
trustees ordered the court to issue
an injunction and James T. Worm-
ley was appointed receiver, which
caused the paper to be suspended
for three weeks from Feb. 20th to
March 19th, 1874. The trustees
were

DEFEATED

in their attempt to kill the Era.
The paper was resurrected under
the title of Douglass and Brothers,
these boys liquidated an indebted-
ness of \$32,000; and when it sus-
pended for good, which was Octo-
ber 22nd '74, it was in debt to the
amount of \$1700. The paper had
changed its name from the Era
and Citizen to the New National
Era, its original name. There has
been no paper published since the
Negro has been permitted to exer-
cise the freedom as a journalist,
that had the character and stand-
ing of Douglass' North Star, Fred
Douglass' paper and the Era. The
Douglass boys demonstrated their
ability to edit and manage a paper.
They were journals of which the
race should have been proud. It
was the rise of journalism. Even in
this advanced age of Negro jour-
nalism, there has not been much
improvement, from the time the
North Star existed. The

RISE OF JOURNALISM

was hailed with delight. The great
defenders of the enslaved race de-
clared that the Negro possessed
ability and was capable of the high-
er branches of education. There is
no disguising the fact, that the Dou-
glasses did not have the interest of
the race at heart. What they made
should not be questioned. The
race has lost a journal that was in-
deed a protector to an oppressed
people.

THE COLORED CITIZEN,

a paper edited by Prof. John P.
Sampson, was instrumental in
breaking up one of the most prej-
udiced Negro institutions in the his-
tory of this country. This institu-
tion known as the Lotus Club, was
a disgrace to the colored people in
this community and the people can
only thank the Negro press for
blotting it out of existence. It was
the bank ring that killed the Era;
it was the bank ring that caused
thousands of colored people to suf-
fer throughout this country. The
colored people have never support-
ed their own journals, which is the
cause of not having better papers
today. The

CHRISTIAN RECORDER

is edited with ability and can be
properly styled a religious race
paper. The A. M. E.

CHURCH REVIEW

edited by Dr. B. T. Tanner, is an
advanced step in journalism. The
review contains the thoughts of the
most learned of the race. Its con-
tributors are men of ability and
the articles that appear quarterly
tend to elevate the race in the
higher branches of literature. The

INDIANAPOLIS WORLD

is a paper of much solidity. The
editor of that journal is a witty and
logical writer. The

ORPHANS ADVOCATE

of Oxford, N. C., is doing good
work. Its aim is to build up the
race. The editors Messrs M. C.
Ransom and W. A. Pottillo, are
men of push and refinement. Such
journals as this will benefit the
race. [To be Continued]

CLARA TO LOUISE.

Dear Lou:—I suppose you feel
quite elated over the resignation
of trustee Brooks. The Household
last evening was a scene of merrit-
ment. The girls on the Junior

EXCELSIOR

excursion were more than happy
when Mr. Brooks retirement from
the school board by resignation was
related to them. I never saw such

a happy set in my life. For over
15 years the people have stood in
fear of this man. Now who will
Commissioner Webb appoint to
succeed him. I have several in
view who will make good school of-
ficers and I have addressed a letter
to the Commissioners requesting
the appointment of this gentleman.
I know that our school teachers are
more than pleased and will be grati-
fied if the Commissioners will ap-
point a man who will see that favo-
ritism is obliterated from the 7th
school division.

OTHELLO'S

occupation is gone. Yes, it has fled
to quarters I know not of, never to
return again.

I attended the excursion of the
Junior Excelsiors last Thursday.
I went down in the morning and
remained all day. I am somewhat
tired now, after dancing all day.
The boys had everything nicely ar-
ranged for which they should be
complimented. I don't care very
much for Mt. Vernon for an excu-
sion. The hills are too high for
enjoyment. There were some who
didn't seem to mind the hills or
anything else. I went to the Bal-
timore & Potomac depot on Mon-
day to see the

CAPITAL CITY GUARD

leave for Harpers Ferry. I regret
that I did not go, as I was informed
that the order was first class. It is
rumored that the managers have
been requested to repeat it. If so I
shall avail myself of the opportuni-
ty.

HARPERS FERRY

will be quite gay this year. Of
course quite a number will visit At-
lantic City on account of the Press
Convention. The latest report is
that our dear Mr. Upshur will be
united in wedlock. A card has
been handed to me, which states
that Mr. Hilyer is highly pleased
with married life.

Yours truly,
CLARA.

SOUTH WASHINGTON NEWS.

L. G. Fletcher, Agent and Collector.

The large funeral services of the
late Rev. Wm. Gibbons, which
took place at the Zion Baptist
church, E st., bet. 3d and 4 1/2 sts.,
s. w., on Thursday the 1st inst.,
too late for our issue of the 3d,
was witnessed by over 10,000
people, was a creditably arranged
affair. 79 regular clergymen, com-
prising ministers of all denomina-
tions, paid memorable respects to
the remains of the deceased. The
services were conducted by Rev.
Dr. Brooks of the Nineteenth St.
Baptist church, who preached a
most eloquent sermon, entirely ap-
propriate, and was both effective
and consoling from 2d Kings, 2:11.
"And it came to pass, as they still
went on, and talked, that behold
there appeared a chariot of fire
and horses of fire, and parted them
both asunder; and Elijah went up
by a whirlwind into heaven."
The first hymn was sung by Rev.
Wm. J. Walker, scriptures read
by Rev. R. S. Laws, prayer by
Rev. R. Johnson, singing by the
choir, preaching by Rev. W. H.
Brooks. After which eulogistic
remarks were made by Prof. King
of Wayland Seminary, and Rev.
A. W. Pitzer of Howard Univer-
sity; prayer by Prof. W. B. John-
son, pastor of the Second church,
closing hymn by Rev. T. S. Rob-
inson, and benediction by Bishop
Ward. The remains rested in
state until 6 a. m. on Friday, when
they were removed therefrom
to the depot by Revs. C. R.
Champ, G. W. Lee, R. A. Reid,
W. H. Phillips and J. H. Welch
as pall bearers, in charge of under-
taker Lee, for Charlottesville, Va.,
accompanying a committee of Odd
Fellows and Good Samaritans, ac-
companied by Revs. Brooks and
Johnson and a large number of
friends. They arrived in Char-
lottesville at 12:30 p. m., where
they were met by the Odd Fellows
of that place and escorted to the
First Baptist church, where the
deceased was formerly pastor,
previous to his coming to Wash-
ington in 1867. At this church,
the manifest interest by both races
and all denominations were in all
respects equal to that of the city
of Washington. The strong eu-
logies by Prof. W. B. Johnson of
the 2nd and 4th Baptist churches
were considered equal to the two
sermons here and in that place by
the Rev. W. H. Brooks. His
features as his picture will show
were much like his manners, par-
ticularly handsome. His weight
was about 260, well proportioned,
both in size of body and mind.
His good common sense far ex-
ceeded his literature. He was
a man of letters. It is
strange to say it, but though in
his 61st year yet at the time of
his death he was a Theological
student at the Howard University.

His last sermon was preached at
the Rehoboth Baptist church and
his text was "The Lord knoweth
how to deliver the Godly out of
temptations." Both at this and
his own church, his peculiar ac-
tions were noticeable, but his will
power was strong.

Vacation season has already be-
gun, and the first to register at
this office, is Rev. S. G. Lamkin.
He left this city for Lynchburgh
and Salem Va., and thence to Ten-
nessee. He will return to this
city the last of July, and the first
of August will go to Boston Mass.,
to spend several weeks.

The Fourth of July was joyous-
ly spent in this community on
Monday last, blackberries, water-
melons, cake and cream, and other
delicacies were served to the
children during the day, and in
the evening, the older persons
largely shared the benefits of the
day.

WEST WASHINGTON.

N. E. SEDGWICK, Agent and Reporter, 1315
27 Street.

Rev. P. Rider P. E. preached a
very interesting and instructive
sermon at Mt. Zion M. E. church,
Sunday evening last.

Mrs. Julia Ashton the newly
elected organist of Mt. Zion church
is very creditably performing her
duties, as was manifested on Sun-
day last.

The S. S. Union of West Wash-
ington, celebrated the 4th of July
on Monday July 5th at Lyon's
Wood.

The presentation of prizes to the
successful contestants of Ebenezer
church picnic took place Monday
evening last. Dr. C. B. Crusor
presented the prizes. Miss E.
Johnson received the gold watch;
Mr. Chas. Tilghman the set of bed
turniture amount realized \$100.

The marriage of Mr. Ralph
Parott and Miss M. Reader, took
place a few evening ago and they
were entertained at the residence
of Mr. L. Walker.

Mr. Aliff Butler, who was re-
ported in last weeks issue to be ly-
ing dangerously ill, died Saturday
last. His funeral took place from
his residence 1321 27th St., Inter-
ment Mt. Zion cemetery.

The friends of Mrs. N. E. Sedg-
wick will be sorry to learn that he
is lying dangerously ill at her re-
sidence 2705 Dunbarton Ave.

The West Washington Sabbath
School Union Picnic at Vanness
Park on the 1st inst., was a fine
success. The gold medal that
was awarded to the Junior Cadet
Company reflected great credit
on the Union. The presenta-
tion address was delivered by
Mr. R. D. Ruffin, the president.
The speech will be long remem-
bered by all who heard it, espe-
cially the young men. Mr. Ruffin
complimented Maj. C. A. Fleet-
wood as the great military chief-
tain of the colored race. A man
of a large heart, not only willing
to instruct the military, but as
one found ready and willing to aid
religious institutions by the pres-
ence of his men. He trained his
men in a manner that they were
never afraid to compete for any
prize and in every drill they were
the winner. In conclusion I
present this medal to you Maj.
Fleetwood for your Junior com-
pany, in behalf of the West
Washington Sabbath School Union.
[applause.]

Maj. Fleetwood replied by mak-
ing some excellent and encourag-
ing remarks to the S. S. Union by
saying that during his command
as Captain and also Major he has
always kept his men in readiness
to aid by their presence any
religious entertainment whenever
it was convenient, because the
people always responded willing-
ly to him when called upon.

The West Washington S. S.
Union held its election on Sun-
day afternoon, in Mt. M. E.
church. After the closing of
the annual work, Mr. Ruffin
thanked the members for their
united support during the year
and said he should now retire to
the floor. Many nominations were
made for the presidency. Dr.
C. B. Crusor renominated Mr.
Ruffin by words of praise
of the work done by him in bring-
ing about that union of feeling
that should exist in a union and
by getting all the schools in bet-
ter condition than they ever were
before. Mr. Ruffin declined then
Mr. John H. Ferguson was elect-
ed president, Jos. Turner, vice
pres., A. Pope, Sect., H. M. Hew-
lett, Treasury, Robt. Gilmore,
Chaplin.

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